

## **Plymouth Argaum Tigers**

## Junior Rugby Football Club

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## **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

At Plymouth Argaum Rugby Club we believe that taking part in our sport should be a positive and enjoyable experience. We want to ensure that children are protected and kept safe from physical, sexual and emotional harm while they are with the Club's coaches, helpers and volunteers. We will use the RFU's Policy and Procedures for the Welfare of Young People in Rugby Union as a base for our Child Protection Policy but will in particular have the following aims:

- 1. All volunteers likely to come into contact with young people will undertake a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) \ Vetting and Barring check with the RFU.
- 2. All volunteers will have a Job Description.
- 3. A qualified coach shall be in attendance at all training sessions and matches.
- 4. All coaches will go on an appropriate Rugby Union coaching course as soon as is practicable, before they begin working with Children
- 5. All coaches will be qualified to the appropriate level before they are allowed to be the lead coach of an age group.
- 6. Volunteers likely to come into contact with young people shall attend a Child Protection Course as soon as is practicable.
- 7. The Club will encourage and help coaches to stay up-to-date with rugby, coaching and child protection issues.
- 8. All coaches will be given a copy of the Club's Code of Conduct for Coaches and be expected to keep it at all times.
- 9. The Club will keep written records of attendance, parental consent and accidents.
- 10. The Club will provide a written policy covering Heath and Safety, First Aid, Parental and Player codes of Conduct and Photography.
- 11. The Club will provide coaches and parents with a written procedure for dealing with accusations or suspicions of child abuse.
- 12. The Club will promote 'fair play' and always play within the spirit of the laws and the letter of the RFU continuum.
- 13. The club will identify a person(s) to be Child Protection Officer(s), whose role is to deal with any concerns about physical, sexual or emotional abuse within the Club.

The Child Protection Officers for Plymouth Argaum Tigers RFC: